

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 25, 2003**. Wheat harvest is beginning in the state, and planting continues for other crops as the weather allows. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 35 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2002	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	100	100	100	100	2	3	13	62	20
	Emerged	99	98	100	98					
Cotton	Planted	87	82	91	94	2	6	23	54	15
	Emerged	78	71	81	81					
	Squaring	1	--	1	1					
Rice	Planted	94	89	97	97	0	3	17	65	15
	Emerged	87	81	90	88					
Sorghum	Planted	95	93	93	91	0	2	24	70	4
	Emerged	93	85	87	84					
Soybeans	Planted	82	78	85	84	2	10	29	50	9
	Emerged	75	70	72	70					
	Blooming	2	--	1	2					
Wheat	Mature	30	12	37	47	0	4	48	44	4
	Harvested	3	--	4	9					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	15	5	14	16	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	80	75	83	79	0	8	22	57	13
Hay (Warm Season)		14	7	12	12					
Watermelons	Planted	98	97	100	88	0	2	96	2	0
Cattle						1	3	12	67	17
Pasture						0	4	19	65	12

County Agent Comments

"Dry weather has allowed growers to get back in the field. Crops need cleaning up where heavy rainfall has hurt growers."

— Don Respass, Bolivar

"Sunny weather was a godsend. I think every hi-boy and planter in the county was running during the week."

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

"Dry weather has allowed producers to get back in the fields this weekend. About 20% of the cotton was planted in a very short time. Soybeans are being planted also, and fall planted hay harvesting has begun as well."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss

“Weather has been a factor on field crops, including stand losses and losses of nitrogen from corn fields; seedline disease; thrips in cotton and delayed planting and stand losses in soybeans. The weather is beginning to get into our pocket big time.”

— Anita Webb, Scott

“Showers have helped greatly without over doing it. We could, however, use a few more. Crops, such as cotton and peanuts, are off to a good start. There has been a good amount of ryegrass hay put up.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Rain, rain go away, come again another day - when flood waters have receded and the fields are planted and another rain is needed.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Spraying for weeds has been the main operation. No insects have posed a problem in crops yet. Most all of the plantings are complete. Wheat harvest has just begun.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Rain and wet soil conditions are still hampering progress on soybean planting. About one-fourth of the crop has not been planted. Pastures are in good-to-excellent condition with cool-season hay harvest complete, but very little warm-season hay has been baled yet. Timber is growing well due to a wet fall and spring. There seems to be a heavy foliage set this year.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Pastures and hay fields are looking good. Summer forages are being fertilized to promote growth for grazing and hay. Cattle are in real good shape with plenty to eat.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

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Weather Summary from May 19, 2003 to May 25, 2003 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston				71		1.30	+0.0	2	12.01				
Cleveland	82	56	69	73	-4	0.05	-1.07	3	5.14				
Tunica	83	56	69	72	-3	0.61	-0.65	1	8.38	83	63	73	0.23
Extreme/Average	83	56	69	73	-4	0.65	-0.54	2	8.51	83	63	73	0.23
2. North-Central													
Batesville	81	54	69	71	-2	0.17	-1.09	2	13.33				
Calhoun City	76	55	67	71	-4	0.10	-1.09	2	11.48				
Independence	78	50	66	70	-4	0.14	-1.12	3	9.39				
Oxford				70		0.00	-1.27	0	7.90				
Extreme/Average	81	50	67	71	-4	0.14	-1.08	2	11.40				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	78	56	67	70	-3	0.03	-1.39	2	9.72				
Corinth City				72		0.11	-1.18	4	8.01				
Ripley				70		0.34	-0.85	2	7.78				
Tupelo						0.17		1	9.50				
Extreme/Average	78	56	67	71	-4	0.16	-1.05	2	8.75				
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	59	74	74	0	1.10	-0.27	1	3.28	90	70	82	
Rolling Fork	87	55	71	74	-3	1.81	+0.6	1	5.05	92	72	80	
Stoneville	85	58	70	74	-4	0.08	-1.07	2	2.16	85	69	76	0.16
Yazoo City	85	53	71	74	-3	0.24	-0.98	2	2.65				
Extreme/Average	90	53	71	74	-3	0.81	-0.34	2	3.29	92	69	79	0.16
5. Central													
Canton	84	54	70	74	-4	0.36	-0.87	2	3.53				
Carthage	83	54	70	72	-2	0.42	-0.74	1	3.50				
Lexington				72									
Eupora	80	53	68	71	-3	0.23	-0.92	3	6.39				
Extreme/Average	84	53	70	72	-2	0.34	-0.76	2	4.47				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	79	58	69	71	-2	0.78	-0.42	2	9.97				0.13
Houston	80	49	67	70	-3	0.20	-1.06	3	11.45				
Louisville	86	55	71	71	0	0.68	-0.42	4	3.10				
State University	80	55	69	72	-3	0.80	-0.25	3	6.08	78	69	73	0.14
Extreme/Average	86	49	69	72	-3	0.62	-0.41	3	7.65	78	69	73	0.12
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	58	74	74	0	0.37	-0.71	3	3.11	89	72	79	
Natchez	87	54	71	74	-3	0.01	-1.18	1	2.87				
Oakley	83	56	71	73	-2	0.43E	-0.62	4	5.08E	83	73	77	
Vicksburg	85	57	70			2.30		3	6.51				
Extreme/Average	89	54	72	74	-2	0.78	-0.40	3	4.39	89	72	78	
8. South-Central													
Collins	83	58	73	73	0	1.11	-0.18	2	3.37				
Columbia	87	59	75	74	+1	0.31	-0.93	3	2.02				
Tylertown	86	57	73	74	-1	0.54	-0.72	2	1.72				
Extreme/Average	87	57	74	74	0	0.65	-0.55	2	2.37				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	89	57	74			2.76		3	4.22				
Hattiesburg	89	58	73	74	-1	0.42	-0.74	4	1.93				
Laurel	84	57	73	73	0	0.86	-0.30	4	4.74				
Newton	85	52	71	72	-1	0.12	-0.74	2	1.91	81	67	73	0.18
Extreme/Average	89	52	73	73	0	1.04	+0.0	3	3.20	81	67	73	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	90	59	76	75	+1	0.23	-1.01	1	0.39				
Gulfport	85	62	76	76	0	0.06	-1.22	2	4.33				
Pascagoula	83	59	73	74	-1	0.48	-0.91	2	5.12				
Poplarville	87	58	74	75	-1	1.67	+0.4	3	2.10	88	67	78	
Waveland	86	62	75	75	0	1.64	+0.4	3	4.52				
Extreme/Average	90	58	75	76	-1	0.82	-0.30	2	3.29	88	67	78	
State	90	49	71	73	-2	0.61	-0.52	2	5.55	92	63	76	0.17

DFN = Departure from Normal.